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ASU elections prepare for take off



FIREWOOD FOR SALE

Firewood is for sale from LAVC all year. Private delivery can be arranged. The wood is of mixed kinds and can be purchased at the bookstore at the rate of \$55 per 1/2 cord or \$100 per full cord.

SUMMER **SCHEDULE**

Continuing students will be notified this month by postcard of their telephone registration appointments for the Summer of 1998. Telephone appointments begin on April 27 and end June 11.

Calling at your appointment time gives one the best selection of classes.

Students with outstanding financial obligations to LAVC will be delayed from registering until all obligations have been cleared.

CAR WASH/ **BAKE SALE**

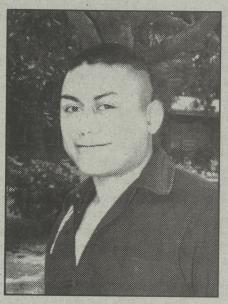
Tau Alpha Epsilon, Valley College's Honor Society will hold a car wash and bake sale on April 14 for 10 AM to 3 PM in parking lot B (Fulton & Oxnard).

Donations are accepted in exchange for the car wash. You may also donate aluminum cans, glass and plastic bot-

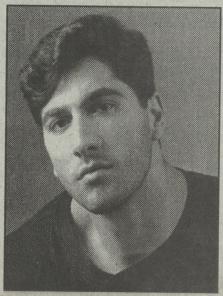
IN MEMORY OF...

A scholarship fund has been established in memory of Eric Reiner, one of the firefighters killed in the recent heli-

copter crash. Eric was the stepson of Ken Worthen, President of the Valley College Patron's Association.



Jose Avina for President



Armen Orujyan for President



Norma Herandez for

Vice President

■STUDENT CANDIDATES:

Applications have been turned in and there are eight students running for office.

By MICHAEL ROCHE STAR REPORTER

Harz.

Valley students eager to fill various positions representing the ASU submitted their petitions to Monarch Hall on Friday.

The process will involve a candidate forum where the candidates can express their campaign agenda's.

"The forum is an opportunity for students to know who's running for office" said Dean of Student Affairs Yasmin Delahoussave. " It's also an opportunity for students to hear what they have to say."

"A lot of students don't know about the student government" said ASU president Lorenzo Trujillo. "We want them to see the commissioners that are running and to see

Election Facts

When: April 14 and 15

Where: Monarch Square

not pictured:

Angelo Quieceno, ICC Rep

and

Annette Lemmo, Political Affaris

what the student government is doing and what it's about."

A question and answer period has also been set aside so students can voice and ask questions concerning student policy's with the candidates.

The list of candidates include: Jose

Avina and Armen Orujyan for president; Norma Herandez for vice-president; Angelo Quiceno for ICC representative; Dominic Curran and Annette Lemmo for political affairs; Ryan Dudasik for fine arts; and Maynor Orellana-athletics.

"If elected your ASU president my primary goal would be to increase the hours of the math lab, the writing center, and the computer lab," said Avina.

Orujyan, also running for ASU president said, "My grand business in Los Angeles Valley College is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at

Hernandez, a vice-president hopeful, said students are oblivious to the various programs being offered at Valley.

"There's not enough awareness or involvement for the students here at Valley" said Hernandez. "I want to make it more enjoyable and get them more involved so that when they transfer they know what to expect."

"Some of the best programs in the school are free," said Commissioner of Political Affairs Colleen Flynn.

An experienced high school treasurer with a background in media communications, Curren, feels using sources is key to informing students of political activities.

"My plan is to utilize the media to make students aware of policies that go on behind closed doors," said Curren.

Orellana said Valley's athletic programs are suffering because of poor attendance and plans to increase promotional efforts for attracting spectators. "People don't go to the games. We need

support from the students to go to the games," said Orellana. "I will give more information when the games are so that people become involved."

The Associated Student Union is run by students whose primary goal is in serving its student body with various programs and ser-

"The function of the ASU is to represent the students and to distribute the funds that the students have con-

tributed" said Vice Dean of Student Affairs Ronald Reis. "How that is distributed around campus is a reflection of the people who are elected."

Some of the programs funded by the ASU are comprised of the tutoring programs available on campus, the learning skills lab, the biology lab, the athletic pro-

grams, and many other vital programs useful for a students' success.

"ASU funds are used for the students and for the student activities that have to do with the educational process" said Reis.

"People need to pay their ASU dues so that next year's officers have something to work with," said Commissioner of Public Relations Stefano Bloch.

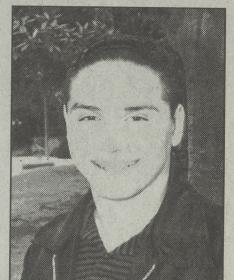
Preparations are under way to include special guest appearances from LA City Council member Joel Wachs and the Grant High School marching band.

A piece of history will even be rekindled using original 1950's voting booths during

"Joel Wachs has been invited by the American Political Cultures Club to kick off the forum," said Delahoussaye.

Students willing to fill vacant positions can do so during the fall semester when the remainder of the seats are selected.

The candidate forum will be held April 13 in Monarch Square from 11 am to noon. Students can vote for their candidate of choice April 14 and 15.



Maynor Orellana for Commissioner of **Athletics**



Ryan Dudasik for Commissioner of Fine Arts



Dominic Curran for Commissioner of **Political Affairs**

Dean's Tea planned to honor students

BY NANCY BARAHONA STAR REPORTER

Students with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher will be honored at the Dean's Reception on April 15 at 2 p.m. in Monarch Hall.

"The purpose is to honor students with an outstanding GPA," said Yasmin Delahoussaye, dean of student affairs.

The program will include a welcome from Lorenzo Trujillo, president of the Associated Student Union and the congratulations will be given by Susan Carleo, vice president of academic affairs.

Stefano Bloch, commissioner of public relations for ASU will introduce the guest speaker, Valley alumnus Michael Broggie of College Enterprises, Inc.

"It's very difficult to get good grades and for students to achieve that distinction is very important," said Broggie.

"Also it's a wonderful opportuni-

with famiand friends, to feel the Michael Broggie

pride for what you accomplished."

Broggie is a Walt Disney historian and author of Walt Disney's Railroad Story. Broggie also graduated from California State University at Northridge and received his Masters and Doctorate degree in business administration

from California Pacific University.

To end the reception, the presentation of the dean's list and closing remarks will be given by Jessica Dollarhide, president of Phi Theta Kappa. "It is so nice that they honor students, said student Colleen Flynn. "It makes the hard work worthwhile. I appreciate the recognition." The reception is being hosted by the Office of Student Services and ASU. TAE will do the decorations.

By LINDA E. THOMAS STAR REPORTER

A former Valley College student was convicted of sexual battery when he changed his plea to no contest just minutes after his criminal trial began at the Los Angeles Municipal Court in Van Nuys

David A. Quinn, 20, had been charged with two counts of sexual battery, two counts of lewd conduct and one count of simple battery for crimes against three female Valley College students on campus in September. Quinn had pled not guilty to all counts at his arraign-

ment in October. In a last minute plea bargain session Monday, Quinn changed his plea to no contest of guilt on one count of sexual battery. In turn, the prosecution dropped all other charges and the jury was dismissed.

Judge Ruth Essegian sentenced Quinn to 90 days house arrest and three years probation. Essegian

yards away from Valley College and fined him \$200. Quinn was also ordered to enroll in Sexual Compulsion Anonymous and attend 52 meetings, prosecuting attorney Elizabeth Reny said.

we see here," Reny said. "There's obviously something mentally wrong with him."

Quinn has been under psychiatric care and has been diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic, Reny said. He was ordered to continue counseling and to return to court April 21 with a medical report specifying psychiatric treatment and evaluation, she said.

Quinn did not appear for his previously scheduled trial Jan. 30 because he was in a psychiatric hospital and a bench warrant was issued for his arrest, according to court records.

Although the prosecution originally asked for 90 days jail time and registration as a sex offender, Quinn refused to comment.

ordered Quinn to stay at least 100 received no jail time and does not have to register as a sex offender at this time, Deputy City Attorney Patrick Hiscocks said.

"I think it's fair," Reny said. "We want to try and help this kid. We want to help him get it together. He "He's not a typical criminal that seems to have major psychiatric problems, so I think that no jail time was appropriate for now."

The judge may still order Quinn to register as a sex offender, depending on the psychiatric evaluation, Reny said.

While under house arrest, Quinn will have to wear a waterproof electronic monitoring device around his ankle 24 hours a day, Carmen Mendoza of Sentinel Monitoring

"He cannot go outside in the yard, or even his garage," Mendoza said. "He cannot leave his house except to go to the doctor according to a court programmed computer sched-

Both Quinn and his attorney



Photo Survey...

Have you done your taxes?

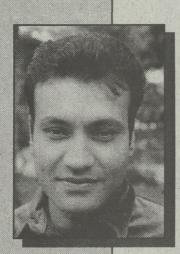
"Yes, I have filed my taxes."

-Nancy Villa



"I haven't even done them yet."

-Rasheed Khandaker



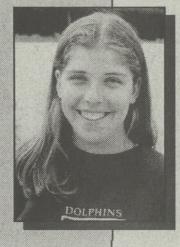
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—Carolina Velasquez



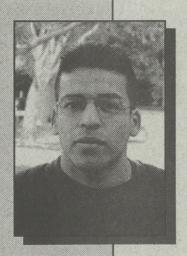
"No, I haven't done my taxes."

-Christina Merrell



"Yeah, I already filed."

-Rigoberto Ruz



Malik Raahsan/Valley Star

What's the deal with...

BY DEEANNE McCLAIN STAR REPORTER



What's the deal with being a big fat liar?

It seems as though human being could make it through a day without telling

It is time for us to stop

lying to ourselves and

refuse to tolerate lying

from others. If we don't,

our society will continue

on its downward spiral.

some kind of lie.

Just take a look at our society. We have lawyers who defend the obviously guilty, doctors who care more about the insurance companies than the patients and hey, look at the politicians!

No, I don't refer to our president, who may or may not be lying, but rather, the rest of the rats. Yes, rats.

These so called public servants lie to us so often that it has become an expected by-product of the job.

But look at those who

talk out of the side of their mouths like Diane Feinstein or worse, Oliver North who misdirected his answers so long that he eventually ran for senate.

A truly honest politician would be so out of order that if we saw one, we'd think they were lying about being honest.

Joey Buttafuoco is a fun example of a liar. This wonderful family man now has his own cable show.

How about the tobacco companies? Talk about liars! Do we really purchase products from these people who told us that they did not believe cigarettes were addic-

This brings me to advertisers. Let's be honest, do we believe any commercials we see? How about those great late night info-mercials like Buns of Steel or the real estate tycoon who can make us all millionaires in only 30 days?

If a product we buy doesn't work as the advertising claims, we just sigh and buy another product and when one actually performs, we shout from the rooftops, "Hey, it really works!" We're amazed; we call our friends.

So what do you do when the person lying to you is your friend; your lover; your child or parent; your co-worker?

Don't most of us expect it, even tolerate it?

It is time for us to stop lying to ourselves and refuse to tolerate lying from others. If we don't, our society will continue on its downward spiral. Our children will grow up thinking dishonesty is not as important as wealth or beauty.

So what do you do if you are an honest person? How can you tell if

someone is lying to you?

According to Dr. Gini Graham Scott, author of "The Truth About Lying," speech patterns are an important clue.

"Liars usually stall before responding to questions, talk around issues instead of addressing them directly, and tell stories that don't make sense." Scott says.

Scott has developed a sort of

•Liars have trouble making [eye]

•Their gestures don't fit what they say (they may scrunch their shoulders to say "no" while they are saying "yes," or appear tense though they sound relaxed.)

·Signs of stress are incriminating. Liars sweat, fidget, swallow, fold their arms, lick their lips, cover their mouths with their hands, hold their breath, tap their feet, and cross and uncross their legs.

·Liars tend to look up and to the right, while truth tellers usually look up and to the left.

So if you are in doubt, follow this checklist to see if they measure

How do you handle a liar?

Well, telling them that you know the truth may help, but if they are devout liars, they'll only lie some more. My advice?

Your quality of life is usually better without someone in it that you

Obscure facts don't justify premature acts. —*CMA* In A Nutshell

ETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

the lack of consideration shown to students in regard to unkept counseling appointments. Today I outreach programs. am still appalled that students are often kept attempt to be fair to the counselors. So I would like to know where the fault lies?

After giving the subject great consideration, I back the next day. believe that the main problem is the secretaries in counselors to make sure that the students will not be disappointed when they show up for their n't even notified him of my original appointment. appointments.

For example, I approached the desk where a Secretary was seated. The sign read "Counselors." -Sylvia Aronson

I asked about Richard Brosman, the counselor in charge of the volunteer program here at Valley. This Two years ago I was completely disgusted with is a program designed to help students bring their grades up one notch by volunteering in community

This I was hopeful of accomplishing. But, the secwaiting to see counselors. I am making a serious retary looked glumly onto Brosman's schedule and told me that I could not be seen until the following day. I then was told to fill out a form and come

When Mr. Brosman finally got to me the next day, charge of making appointments to confer with the he was unaware of the previously unkept appoint ments that I had had with him. His secretary had-

This problem really needs a fix!



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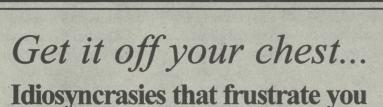
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REBEKAH FOWLER STAR REPORTER

Liz approached me with a sad gloomy look on her face. Expecting to hear news of ultimate disaster, I asked, "What's the matter?"

She put her hand on my shoulder, exhaling with a deep breath she sighed, "I cannot find my shades."

I gave her a hug and said, "girl all this drama over a pair of shades,"

"It is not just the shades, I'm so tired of my parents always misplacing my belongings." Liz continued, "I put something down and when I come back for it, it's gone."

Liz preceded to rant and rave for another ten or fifteen minutes. Then she thanked me for listening, and said that she was going to call her mom to see if perhaps she knew where the missing shades were.

I found out that it was not necessarily the missing shades that was upsetting Liz so, it was the fact that she just needed to get it off of her chest. Once we began to talk about what it was that was bothering her, she realized the shades were the last straw, she was more upset with her parents for constantly moving her things.

Most of us have pet peeves

that occasionally bother us, and then there little idiosyncrasies that ruin your day. Eventually we realize our problem and figure out ways to get rid of them. What do you do when it is something beyond your control?

Ignore the problem? I don't

Ignoring something does not make it disappear. Sometimes we are too embarrassed to talk about little things because they may not seem that important. If you do not address the small issues, they can become bigger problems. Not everyone has the same tolerance level.

Liz confided in me not because she knew that I would listen, but because she knew that I would not judge her. A lot of times, people won't talk about their pet peeves because other people consider them to be trivial or meaningless. None of us have the authority to say to anyone else that their problems are

Face the problem, deal with it. If you have to, find someone who will listen while you vent. Talking aloud about things often helps to alleviate the inward stress. Another problem arises, you can't find anyone who will listen to

Well, if all else fails, write your problem down and send it in to the Valley Star.



Hazing...What do those letters really mean?

By ALEXIS SCALICE STAR REPORTER

When I was a little girl I wanted to be in the "Pink Ladies." Four of the most popular girls within my first grade class copied the idea from the hit movie Grease and established this admirable clan of young pretty girls I so desperately wanted to be a part of.

Well my wish was not granted automatically, in fact I had a long road to travel if I was to be considered "pink." I had to prove myself. At six years old, naive and scared of eating lunch alone again, I was ready to do anything they commanded me to do.

What is wrong with this picture? Why must we prove ourselves to participate in the simple act of camaraderie? Will we ever see passed these ignorant practices of setting 'guidelines for interaction among others?

Obviously not, because the notorious action known as "hazing" is permeating among the college population. The ludicrous initiation processes when rushing a fraternity or sorority in college should be condemned.

commentary

Explain to me the relevance of a student sleeping in 15 degree weather, wearing nothing but a tank top and shorts. Or having a new member drink himself to the point of no return. What do these activities prove to the group of judging eyes demanding these ridiculous stunts?

There is no test of loyalty, honesty or

intelligence involved in either of these initiation activities. Commitment could be one personality trait sought out when directing a student to bare all and knock on all the dorm rooms singing. But what is the point? Does humiliation, frost bite and a hang over spell out friendship?

One would think there was some common sense among a group of adult students.

A little fun and games to celebrate the commendable moment of being brought into a particular group is fine, however, there should be limits set on these welcoming procedures.

idea of earning the privilege to wear the and I can live to tell why.

precious letters plastered on colored sweatshirts. Part of this write of passage in becoming a "sister," or "brother," involves the concept of knowing the history behind the letters a student chooses to work for.

Isn't that enough? Understanding the foundation behind these classic organizations emphasizes interest and loyalty. Forcing one to fast for three days with no sleep or ignore every acquaintance or friend teaches nothing, yet some feel this type of torment proves worthiness. What a joke.

What do you teach a student who dies in the middle of proving himself?

When is he going to wear the letters his big brother gave to him on a freshly pressed burgundy sweat shirt. Maybe in his coffin.

There have been instances where students lost their lives to foolish tasks they were commanded to do.

Just recently, two male UCLA students fell into this category. It makes you think, what do these letters really mean?

What is the history behind these letters

There seems to be more sorrow than tri-Fraternities and sororities promote the umph. I never got into the "Pink Ladies"

Justice system is not so just...

Sex offender gets a slap on the ankle

LINDA THOMAS STAR REPORTER

Sex crimes are the fastest growing crimes on college campuses today. Valley College is not exempt from this plague. This week, a former Valley College student, David Quinn, was convicted of sexual battery for five sex crimes against three female Valley College students in September. But, Quinn got no jail time. Zero. He was fined a measly \$200.

According to the penal code, Quinn could have gotten years in jail and thousands of dollars in fines. For months, the prosecution boasted about how they were going to make Quinn register as a sex offender. In a last minute plea bargain, not only did Quinn get zero jail time, all but one of the charges were dropped and he has not had to register as a sex offender.

A major culprit in this issue equivocates to two words ñ plea bargain. Statistics show that 90 percent of all criminal cases are settled by a no contest plea bargain, according to campus police Captain

"It's terrible," Traber said. "The prosecuting attorney will take about any plea bargain he can get. Unless society stands up as a whole and votes against the D.A. or City Attorney who is too lenient with plea bargaining, it's not going to change."

Other than legal manipulation, however, the justice system claims there is a valid reason for plea bargaining. The courts are so congested and the jails are so overcrowded that plea bargaining has become a necessary evil in the system, Traber said.

One problem is that there are time limitations on how long an alleged criminal is held and/or waits for his trial. Because trials, especially jury trials, are so costly and time consuming, the prosecution will 'sell out' so to speak on a plea bargain just to end the whole thing. Chances are in many cases that if they did not plea bargain to end the case, the trial would not be held in time and the next time.

alleged criminals would just be released with no punishment whatsoever.

Monday was the last legal day for Quinn's trial. A plea bargain got Quinn no jail time and got the court more room less money spent. "The way our system is set up, they are forced to use legal maneu-

vering, which is 100 percent legal, but totally abused," Traber said. But clearly as important, not only is this not just restitution, one cannot help but ask what kind of message this sort of outcome is sending to victims, criminals, and the campus.

"To him [Quinn], it sends the message that he got away with it," Traber said. "And, to the victims, well they probably ask why they even went to court; it's not worth it."

And what about the victims? Why haven't we heard from them? Another issue that is disturbing about this case, is that the victims have remained silent. Though diligent attempts were made to interview the victims in this case, they have avoided all comment. It is perfectly understandable why any victim, especially of a sex crime, would not want their names and lurid details of the deplorable experience plastered across a news page.

However, what is not understandable is that the victims have not wanted to speak out at all, even anonymously, especially in the light of the outcome of this case.

Personally, if I had been sexually assaulted on this campus and the perpetrator got zero jail time, I would have something to say about it. I may not want my name printed, but I would certainly want to voice my opinion. Why did the lousy pervert get away without a day in jail?

As a deterrent, the outcome of the Quinn case and others like it does not sent a good message either.

"Jail time is a much stronger deterrent," Traber said. "Itis too bad he [Quinn] didn't have the jail experience, because I believe he would really think twice next time." Hopefully, there won't be a See related news story on page 1

Editorial

Campus apathy or busy students?

People are always complaining about the have changed. Today's students are responsilack of students' interest in campus activities. Some people think that students don't care. Others think that the publicity for events is not good enough. The obvious answer seems to be that students just don't have enough time.

This is not high school where students are required to be at school for a certain number of hours and at certain times. Most of us come to school, go to class, and then we're off to our other important commitments. These commitments can include jobs, in many cases more than one, families and homework. Within this tight schedule, it's hard enough to find time to relax or have fun, let alone join a club or go to a baseball game. How can students be criticized for not doing these things?

Another reason why many students are pressed for time is because they take a large number of units in an attempt to transfer quickly. Community colleges are often the first step in a student's college career, which

makes them anxious to get through this stage.

ble for more than their homework. A lot of students are paying rent, some are parents and others have three page Visa bills, or quite possibly, all of the above.

This generation seemed to grow up a little faster and take on larger projects sooner. There is no time left to cheer at a baseball game or as any reader can tell, write a letter to the editor of the school paper.

Tons of students would probably rather join Tau Alpha Epsilon instead of working to pay off a Master Card. However, the harsh reality encompasses this type of lifestyle for many students.

So maybe we should not be so quick to judge. Yes, it would be nice to see the gymnasium full at the basket ball games or an actual contest for the ASU elections. Be that as it may, life is stressful enough without criticism and the fact still remains that there are students on this campus who are active and experience the college community that Valley has One must also take into account that times to offer.

The Earth...can we save

ANITA TORRES STAR REPORTER

April is Earth Month, which makes this the perfect time to think about the state of our environment and what we can do to help it.

There are many areas in which people can easily make a positive difference.

We can recycle, reducing the amount of waste that goes to our landfills. This is important since, according to the EarthWorks Group in their book 15 Simple Things Californians Can Do to Recycle, we're running out of landfill space.

Some 70 percent of America's 20,000 landfills closed between 1978 and 1988. These closures will continue as long as we keep producing trash. It is estimated that the average American will throw away 600 times their adult weight in trash, according to EarthWorks.

In addition to keeping the trash level down, recycling can also be profitable. According to The

The Recycler's Handbook, Americans throw away enough aluminum every three months to rebuild our entire commercial air fleet. There is no excuse for this, when there are aluminum recycling centers in nearly every neighborhood. Topping it off, these recycling centers pay people for aluminum, usually based

People can also help with cleaning the air. One way that we can do this is by ridesharing...thus less cars on the road. The fewer cars driving, the lesser amount of harmful emissions. According to the Public Interest Research Group, cars, trucks and buses are one of the chief sources of ozone. Breathing ozone can cause lung damage, it's also responsible for extensive damage to pines in California and in the eastern United States, according to The Clean Air Project.

Although ozone is harmful on ground level, it's natural production is necessary to the atmosphere higher up. A thin layer of

Earth Works Group in their book ozone protects Earth from the suns harmful ultraviolet rays.

Our ozone layer is depleting because of manmade chemicals that break it down. We can help prevent this depletion by not using products that contain chlorofluorocarbons (CFC's). CFC's are found in Freon, used in air conditioning systems.

Another easy way we can help the environment is by reusing. Reusing is different than recycling because it benefits people more directly. By reusing, a person keeps their item, for example a pair of jeans with a tear in the knee area, and personally turns them into a pair of shorts.

This process can prevent something from being thrown away, or at least prolong the time before it

Whatever way we choose to do our part, it is obvious that there are many simple things we can do to improve the quality of our planet if we just put a little effort into it. Just a little effort for the sake of ourselves and the people

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Criteria for Eligibility for the Dean's Honor List

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Both full-time students and part-time students are eligible for the Dean's Honor List.

Lupe W. Martinez

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Full-time students must be enrolled in 12 or more graded units and must have completed at least 12 graded units with a GPA of 3.5 or above in the semester they are considered for inclusion on the Dean's List.

Part-time students must be enrolled in 6 to 11 units in the qualifying semester. Part-time students must have completed 12 or more cumulative graded units at the college where they are being considered for inclusion on the Dean's List, and they must have at least a 3.5 GPA in the qualifying semester. In calculating the GPA of part-time students, the only grades used will be from courses completed at Valley College.

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A penny saved:

Investing in Mutual Funds

By JOHN TARR STAR REPORTER

Now that you have decided to start investing, let's look at how to make the most of your investment dollar.

In our first installment of 'A Penny Saved', we introduced you to the idea of investing in IRA's because of their tax sheltering opportunities. In our second installment we focused on the new Roth IRA because of its benefits to young investors in lower tax brackets.

In this third installment we will show you where and how to make those investments which are so important to ensuring a comfortable retirement. This is where the real fun begins.

In the first installment we reported the stock market has averaged a 12 percent return for over 60 years. Banks are currently offering FDIC insured certificates of deposits returning between three and six percent, according to the securities division of Washington Mutual.

The average rate of inflation is currently four percent per year, according to Your Money Magazine. That means you can actually lose money with a CD. Why would anybody choose a CD over the stock market?

New investors, knowing banks offer little in terms of capital growth, turn to the stock market. I followed the broker route and soon discovered brokers not only charge an up-front surcharge, but they also make a commission on each sale, regardless of whether you make money.

How then can an investor avoid the sharks of Wall Street and still take advantage of a booming stock market? Two words: mutual funds.

Once a little known investment avenue, mutual

funds have become a top pick among investors seeking long-term capital growth, according to Primerica Financial Services, a member of Traveler's Group. Traveler's Group is now the largest financial company in the U.S. after their recent acquisition of Citicorp which boosted their assets to \$144 billion.

So what is a mutual fund and how do they operate? A mutual fund pools thousands of investors money and then invests in hundreds of companies. This pooling of resources helps reduce the risk of individual investors losing money when a company declares bankruptcy or reports lower than expected quarterly earnings.

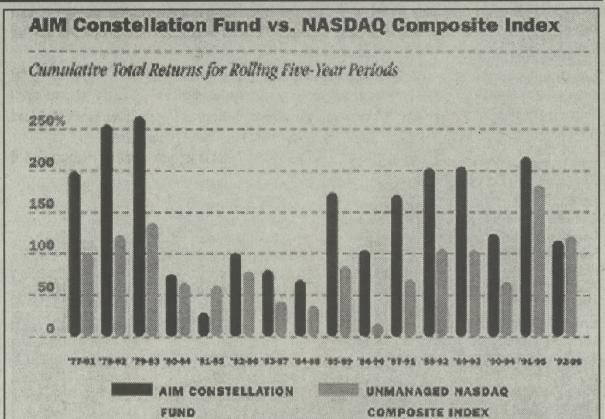
For an individual investor it can be difficult to acquire enough shares of a company to expect consistent growth without worrying about a downturn in the market.

By contrast, a mutual fund's pooled assets enable it to invest in up-and-coming companies with high growth potential while maintaining other investments to off-set possible losses. An individual investor in a mutual fund is thereby investing in hundreds of companies at once.

Since the first mutual fund was founded nearly 70 years ago, not one has folded, according to Primerica. There are currently over 8000 funds in which to invest, according to Mutual Funds maga-

How do you start investing in a mutual fund and how much does it cost?

As little as \$25 a month can start an automatic investment plan with a number of top-rated funds. An automatic investment plan operates by setting up a direct withdrawal from a checking or savings account on a monthly basis.



Auto-invest plans offer the advantage of dollarcost averaging which is a theory which states that though you buy when the market is high, the shares you bought during a low market are now worth more. In effect, some shares were bought month. Their number is 800-225-1581 "on sale" while others were bought at "regular 3. price."

The final step in mutual fund investing is building a well-balanced portfolio of aggressive growth funds, conservative growth funds, and reliable cash investments such as bonds and T-bills. Contact a fund representative to talk about building a portfolio tailored to your long-term investment goals. Mutual fund investment accounts can be opened in a variety of types such as individual, joint, and of course, IRA.

college students are:

Strong Discovery. Since inception in 1987 this fund has averaged a- return of 16.32 percent.

The minimum automatic investment is \$50 a month. Their number is 800-368-3863.

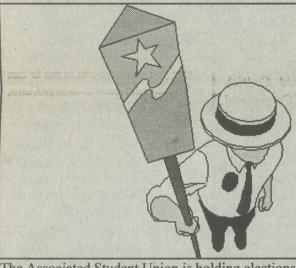
Putnam New Opportunities. 25.6 percent return since 1990. Minimum auto invest: \$25

Franklin Templeton Mutual Qualified. 17.75 percent return since 1980. Minimum auto invest: \$25 month. Their number is 800-632-2301

AIM Constellation. 18.96 percent return over the last 20 years. Minimum auto invest: \$50 month. Their number is 800-959-4246.

Van Kampen American Capital Emerging Growth. 20.47 percent return period 1975-1997. Minimum auto invest: \$25 month. Their number is 800-341-2911.

For more information on mutual funds or invest-Now then, our top five mutual fund picks for ing, feel free to write to me here at the Valley Star or e-mail me at Cyclofoto@aol.com.



The Associated Student Union is holding elections for the 1998 -1999 school year. Studentsmust be registered at Valley in order to vote. Elections will be held April 14, 15 in Monarch Square.

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Music



April 9- the LAVC Jazz Band, directed Woody James, will be performing in Music Room 112 at 11:00 a.m.

April 16- Lee Zimmer will be playing classical guitar in the Music Recital Hall at 11:00 a.m.

April 19- The LAVC Philharmonic Choir, directed by George Attarian will be performing at the Congregational Church of the Chimes at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00.

April 23- Elaine Lister on the harp and Sheila Zimmerman on the flute, will be performing in the Music Recital Hall at 11:00 a.m.

Clubs



April 20- Hillel at LAVC and the Jewish Studies Department will host their 1998 Yom HaShoah Seminar from 9 a.m. until noon in Monarch Hall.

17-The April Astronomy Club will present "The Spring Sky" with David Falk at 8:00 p.m. in the planetarium.

Theater



April 9-11, 16-18, and 23-25-Valley The College Theater Department will present the musical Company, directed by Pete Parkin and choreographed by Rowena Roberts. Musical score is directed by Dan Scoville. The show will feature an ensemble cast of 14. The shows start at 8:00 p.m. in the Little Theatre.

Calendar Former Valley College student researches El Nino

By SYLVIA ARONSON STAR REPORTER

At dawn, Marggie Castellano, bundled in heavy raingear, opened her front door to load her equipment into a cab.

A bolt of lightning ripped across the sky. The wind began to howl. Torrents of rain pounded through the open door.

It was Feb.3. The long-awaited El Nino-driven storms had struck Southern California. Castellano, a former Valley College student, was heading to Lima, Peru - her birthplace - to study the effects of El Nino in that part of the world.

Castellano, involved in past years with documentaries for National Geographic, Arts and Entertainment, Nova, and P.B.S., said, "I have always been fascinated by the unknown, always amazed by nature. My background and studies have been in Science."

the owner of Fleisher film pro- Century. ductions. Fleisher asked her to In Spanish, el nino means "the participate in a documentary on little boy" or "Christ child." El Nino, based in Peru.

was having a

hard time

paying for

fleisherfilm productions."

"I was ready to go to Peru any- "I have always been way," said Castellano. fascinated by the Nino. "I hadn't visited my famalways ily there for amazed by nature." many months. I

-Marggie Castellano landings were

This caused a the trip, so this opportunity came deep depression for many at a perfect time because all of Peruvian people because the fish my expenses were paid by are their main source of revenue. At the present time, the El Nino was originally recog- yield from the Peruvian fishing nized by fisherman off the coast industry is only 20 percent of South America as the appear- usual.

Earlier this year, while work- ance of unusually warm water in ing as a free lance production the Pacific Ocean. According to manager, Castellano was scientists, this has been occuring approached by Carol Fleisher, as far back as the Fifteenth

Because this phenomenon has

the tendency to arrive around Christmas, it was named El

The warming caused lakes in Peru to heat up so much that the anchovy reduced.



Sylvia Aronson/Special to the Valley Star Marggie Castellano stops to pose before she leaves for to Peru.

Nationalpublic universities and college rankings attract students

By MAGIC TOPPIN STAR REPORTER

It is time to fill out the applications and decide which college is the right one for you. Should you go to a big University or a small college? Is tuition going to be a burden? Is their enough financial aid to assist you in your education?

U.S. News and World Report has issued its 1998 College ranking guide which may help students decide which school they want to transfer to.

"A lot of students follow the rankings as a guide to get the inside information on which college is better," said Amy Jarmillo, a Valley College student.

Azia Quiles, a student at Valley, started researching colleges last December and has been following college rankings in hopes of transferring to the University of California San Diego, which is ranked seventh.

"Going through the college application can be mind-numbing," said Quiles. "However, it helps to have a little guidance when it comes to picking a school to go to."

seminar

Department at Valley.

Jewish

Seminar on April 20.

Hillel at Valley College and

Department will be hosting

their 1998 Yom HaShoah

The seminar is titled "Three

Lives, Three Journeys: A

Three guest speakers will be

Rena Drexler, a survivor of the Auschwitz concentration

camp, will be speaking at 9:00

Si Frumkin, who was liber-

ated from Dachau at the age of

one, will be speaking an hour

youngest Jews on Schindler's

list, will be speaking at 11:00

Monarch Hall from 9:00 a.m.

Leon Leyson, one of the

The event will be held in

later at 10:00 a.m.

Holocaust Remembrance."

featured at the seminar.

Studies

By ANITA TORRES

STAR REPORTER

Top 10 National **Public Universities**

10. University of California-Irvine 9. University of California-Davis 8. Georgia Institute of Technology 7. University of California San Diego 6.College of William and Mary (VA) 5. University of California Los Angeles

4. University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

3. University of Michigan-Ann Arbor 2. University of California-Berkeley 1. University of Virginia

Courtesy of U.S. News & World Reports

The ranking guide is based on tuition, financial aid, library resources, research, student and faculty ratio, among other fac-

Some students don't think that a school's

rank is that important.

"It depends on each person," said Vahe Marzbetuny, a Valley College student. "If you're going to study to be a doctor or a higher stature, but if you going for a basic 4-year, then no, it is not important."

"I think it is biased," said Cedrick Brookins, a volunteer at the Career and Transfer Office. Brookins feels that a student who went to a ranked school would have a better chance at getting a job than a student who went to an unranked school.

"I know that I would get a better job if I went to a big name school," said Matthew Rodriquez, a Valley College student.

Whichever school you may choose, just be sure that you are making a conscious decision. If your school is not ranked as high as most others, just remember that graduating from any school looks better on your resume than not graduating at all.

"Each person needs to go to the best school they can get into," said Dr. Gold, Transfer Alliance Program counselor at Valley.

This Week's Top Ten

Ways to Get Rid of Telemarketers

10. If they want to loan you money, just tell them you've filed for bankruptcy and you SURE COULD USE SOME MORE MONEY!

9. If they start out with, "How are you today?" start to sniffle and say, "I'm so glad you asked, no one seems to care these days and I have all these problems, "my sciatica is acting up," "my dog just died," describe your recent surgery.

8. If the person says he's Joe Doe from the XYZ Company, ask him to spell his name, then ask him to spell the company name, then ask where it is located, how do you spell that...

7. Crying out, in well-simulated tones of pleasure and surprise, "Judy!!" (Assuming her name is Judy,) "Is this really you? I can't believe it! Judy, how have you BEEN?"

6. Say, "No," over and over. Be sure to vary the sound of each no, and keep an even tempo even as they're trying to speak. This is the most fun if you can keep going until they hang up.

5. If MCI calls trying to get you to sign up with their Family and Friends plan, reply, in as sinister a voice as you can muster, "I don't have any friends...would you be my friend?

4. If they clean rugs: "Can you get blood out, you can? Well, how about goat blood or HUMAN blood?"

3. Let the person go through their spiel, providing minimal feedback in the form of an occasional "Uh-huh, really, or, "That's fascinating." Finally, when they ask you to buy, ask them to marry you. When they get back to the sales, just tell them you couldn't give your credit card number to someone who's a complete stranger.

2. Tell them you work for the same they work Example: Telemarketer: "This is Bill from Watertronics." "Watertronics!! Hey I work for them too. Where are you calling from?" Telemarketer:"Uh, Dallas, Texas." You: "Great, they have a group there too? How'sbusiness/the weather?"

And the number one way to get rid of a telemarketer

Tell the Telemarketer you are busy and if they will give you their phone number you will call them back. If they say they are not allowed to give out their number, then ask them for their home number and tell them you will call them at home. If the person says, "Well, I don't really want to get a call at home," say, "Ya! I know HOW YOU FEEL!" (smiling, of course...)

Robeson's aniversary celebrated Hillel hosts of students that attended filled School and received a four year By LAURA RENOLDS

STAR REPORTER

■ Clubs: event by Hillel The 100th anniversary Centennial Celebration of Paul and the Jewish Studies Leroy Robeson was held in Monarch Hall yesterday.

> The event started at 9:00 am and continued throughout the day, ending with a 7:00 p.m. showing of the musical Showboat.

Pat Allen, Chair of the Sociology Department, headed the Committee, which put together the Centennial celebration. The program was introduced by Director of E.O.P.S. Doris Richardson. "The event was a success. The vast numbers

the hall," said Richardson.

Robeson was a superior athlete, a great scholar, an outstand-

Department, remembers when he was six years old, hearing Robeson sing. Klein recalled Robeson's unique voice while erful man," Klein said. attending an event with his parents in New Jersey in 1949.

Department always tried to stop this singer from any event," Klein said.

1898, in Princeton, New Jersey. \$50. The winning essay was read In 1915 he graduated with hon- by Thomas last night before the ors from Somerville High presentation of Showboat.

scholarship to Rutgers College. He was chosen as an All-American Football player in ing baritone and renowned actor. 1918 and entered Columbia Law Henry Klein, Chair of the Art School in 1920. Robeson did not practice law however, he pursued acting and singing instead.

"He was a well dressed, pow-

An essay contest was also held were contestants were asked to "The FBI along with the Fire write about an aspect of Robeson's life. First Place went to Linda Thomas, who received \$100 and Second place to Robeson was born on April 9, Rebekah Fowler, who was given



Got News?

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Wet Monarchs postpone game after 11-3 loss

■ Baseball: Monarchs lose to College of the Canyons 11-3 in first game of scheduled double header, rained out in the second game.

By JULIO CORTEZ STAR REPORTER

The Valley College Monarchs lost 11-3 to the visiting College of the Canyons before getting rained out on the second game of a double header on April 4.

The Monarchs, who were looking forward to answering Canyons victory, postponed their second game in the second inning due to constant rain.

Valley College lost, however, in the and Frank Diaz moved



Julio Cortez/ Valley Star Valley College's Sigi Arroyo leaps for the ball as

Canyons' Nick Katzenstein steals second base.

first game of the schedule double header.

Though scoring the first run of the game, the Monarchs were shut out for four innings.

In the first inning, Sigi Arroyo led off with a single up the middle. Dylan Forman

> Arroyo to third base on consecutive ground outs. Steve Guererro then brought Arroyo in with a single up the middle.

The Cougars answered with eight runs of their own.

With one out in the second inning, David Soto scored Canyons first run on a Kris Yeaman single with the bases

Canyons added five more runs bases loaded. in the third inning.

Jesse Alvarado scored after two

throwing errors by the Monarch infield. catch ending the inning and preventing the bases loaded. After, again loading up the bases, the Cougars scored two more runs on a Yeaman single. Cory Briggs added two more runs with a single.

Canyons scored another run when Valley College shortstop Kris Rossefeld mishandled a ground ball. The run increased Canyons' lead 7-1 in the fourth inning and were threading for more with two outs and, again, with the

Flores out of the jam with a diving

The Monarchs came close to scoring in the bottom of the fifth inning when they loaded up the bases with one out. They were quickly shut down when Arroyo hit into a double play.

Valley College scored three runs in the fifth inning to put the score 8-3.

Forman, who led off with a hit, was brought in by a Guererro single. Diaz, who followed Forman with a single of Guererro got starting pitcher Alberto his own, scored when Casey Roth slowed down in the sixth and seven grounded out into a double play with

continue when the rain stops. The game continued after that pause but was postponed by the home plate umpire when the rain came back with a stronger

Fans

Valley College

players wait

for the game to

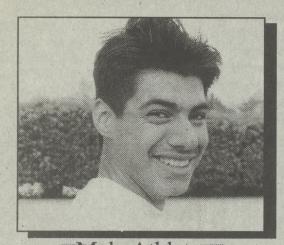
Julio Cortez/ Valley Star beat.

Though having a good performance in the game, Guererro wasn't happy about the outcome of the game.

"It doesn't mean anything because we lost the game," Guererro said before the begining of the second game. "Hopefully we come out better next time."

The Cougars regained the three runs in the sixth inning to bring the game 11-3. The Monarch momentum was

Athletes of the month

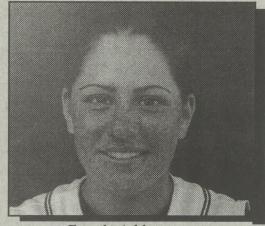


Male Athlete Juan Mejia

Sport:Track and Field

Accomplishments: In the pole vault competition against Ventura he cleared 12'6" earning first place.

In a mini-meet against Santa Barbara he again cleared 12'6" earning him second place.



Female Athlete Norma Dorado

Sport: Softball

Accomplishments: Her batting average of .714 garnered from 2 doubles, 1 triple, 9 RBI's, 3 stolen bases, 6 runs scored and an onbase percentage of 765 gave her the nickname of 'Red Norma'

Valley beats Glendale 5-3 in close game

By MICHAEL ROCHE

In a close game, Valley The Monarchs rallied College continued it's conference dominance by beating Glendale 5-3 at home on April

"I think today was one of our toughest wins we've had all season," said Valley College Head Coach Kodee Murray. "It could have been real easy to roll over and let this one slip through our hands."

Glendale scored the first run on a sacrifice fly hit by Noreen Spaulding after a throwing error helped advance base runner Lori Martinez into scoring position in the top of the first inning.

Two base hits, an error, and a wild pitch gave Glendale another run in the second inning.

"This is a first year program and they looked like a team out there," said Glendale Coach Mark Romano.

Three walks in the bottom of the second followed by Shante Brown's sacrifice fly to left field cut Glendale's lead to one.

Glendale answered in the top of the third with back to back singles from Spaulding and Nicole Nugent before scoring a

run on Mave Mina's RBI single.

back in the bottom of the third when Norma Dorado's single to left field sparked Valley College's offensive.

Sandra Cisneros' RBI single was followed by a base hit by Gina Perez and a two-run shot by Bonnie Lehigh, The Monarchs beat Glendale in a close game giving Valley a 4-3

"It was a good hit," said Lehigh. "It happened at the right time."

in the bottom of the fifth when Brown split the gap for an RBI single.

In a defensive move, Coach Murray substituted Perez for Lehigh at pitcher in the top of the sixth inning.

Strategically, Coach Murray's pitching change kept Glendale off balance earning Lehigh the save and giving Perez the win.

"Bonnie can throw six outs out there and that's exactly what she did," said Coach Murray.

Perez was recently acti-



vated from the disabled list.

"What she did on that pitching mound is phenomenal," said Coach Murray. "She's Valley added an insurance run come back from two car accidents and still kept us in the game."

> "At first it was a struggle, but then we came back," said Perez. "We hung in there."

The Monarchs celebrated the victory and Dorado, who was having her birthday, with cupcakes and ice cream.

Score Card

Valley 5, Glendale 3

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G: Scott and Nugent; V:Perez, Lehigh(6), and W-Perez. L-Scott. S-Lehigh. 2B: V:Martinez

Valley splits double meet By JULIO CORTEZ

STAR REPORTER

The Valley College swimming teams beat visiting Pierce but lost to Santa Monica in a double meet on Friday April 3.

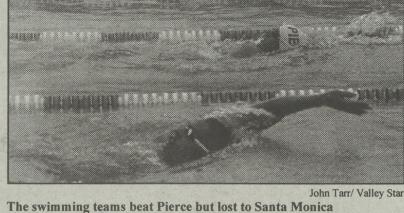
The host Monarchs were able to beat their cross-town rivals in the first meet.

The men's team (4-3) beat the Brahmas 58-50 while the women's team (4-3) outscored its opponent by 79 points, winning 108-29.

"We killed them," Coach Bill Krauss said.

For the men's team, Peter Driscoll won the 50m and the 100m freestyle competitions.

Melissa Minkey and Stephanie Hammer, who qualified for state competitions, led the women's



Minkey won the 200m indi-slowed down by Santa Monica.

vidual medley, the 50m and the 100m backstroke, while while the women's team lost 72-Hammer was a triple winner, 41. winning the 50m, 100m; and the 200m freestyle competitions.

"Hammer swam great," Coach Krauss said.

Though having won against Pierce, the Monarchs were their times," Coach Krauss said.

The men's team lost 77-55,

Though having the same record, Coach Krauss said the women's team is better than the men's team.

"[The women's team] dropped

Hollywood's Corner:

The new look of the Dodgers

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The '98 baseball

season started March 31. However, for the Dodgers and its new owner, it didn't start until April 7, when the Dodgers came home to the new Dodger Stadium.

The Dodgers (2-4), who are now under the ownership of Rupert Murdoch, won their second game of the season by beating the Arizona Diamondbacks 9-1 in the O'Malley.

Dodgers home opener.

look for the first time since it opened its doors in 1962.

The outfield walls were covered with the names and faces of members of the Dodger Hall of Fame. From the outside, pictures of new Dodger players were displayed.

the intentions of the new owner are, in comparison to those of former owner, Peter

"[O'Malley] always wanted Dodger stadium had a new the stadium to have a conservative look," said John Olguin, Dodger archivist. "He felt that people came to watch a baseball game, not to admire art and

There is a slim chance of baseball staying conservative. Expansion teams are joining The new look showed what the league and stadiums like the Oakland Coliseum and the Angels new home, Edison Field, are most appealing to those not so conservative.